

When I signed off last week I felt confident that we would start to experience rain in the not too distant future, and as in every year before us, the heavens began to open last weekend. With almost and inch falling in the township and having been informed by local residents at the top of our catchment that they experienced approximately two inches hopefully it was enough to slow down the immediate need for carting water to our storages.

To be out and about last Sunday and experience the debris that Mother Nature's liquid gold had spread across our roadways and public open spaces was a sight we hadn't seen for many months.

To see the flow of the open Beal Street stormwater recreating its pathway to the ocean was a welcome site that couldn't have come soon enough. Let's hope that follow up rain over coming weeks is sufficient to have the Stage three water restrictions removed just as quickly as they were introduced

A big couple of weeks for "behind the scenes" work with a very productive group meeting with Surfcoast Shire, Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORRC) and Committee for Lorne (CfL) executive teams as we look to share ideas and implement strategies aligned to our Aspirations document. The collaborative partnership between the Surfcoast Shire and the CfL is underway for updating of the Stribling Reserve precinct master plan and we looking to ensure that all community members are given the opportunity to provide input through the process.

The town's major recreation hub and the sporting focus of our town is such a great community asset. We can all share in the ownership and enjoyment of this facility of and take pride in the standards and quality of what we can provide for our current and future generations. I urge you all to be prepared to "get involved" and help make a difference with this important community project.

Also great to see GORRC working with a group of our young local mothers in making Erskine paddock not only safer for all users, but initiating discussions with how the paddock can be better utilised for our younger and ever increasing fitness conscious community members. The work that Carly Enticott and her team are doing deserves a big "pat on the back". If you get a chance, check out the new playground directly adjacent the Netball change rooms, which this same, active team were instrumental in buildingt fantastic achievements!!!

What can't go unnoticed was the full field of over 60 lady golfers that took to the Lorne course on Monday for the Miss Lascelles Silver Salver. Ladies golf at Lorne under the leadership of President Lesley Goldsworthy has gone to levels not seen for years and her team are to be congratulated. Also worthy of a mention, Lesley's husband, Councillor Clive played his part in "spotting balls" for the ladies big day

COMMITTEE

FOR LORNE

Ian Stewart Chairman Committee for Lorne

New Look FoodWorks Lorne Store Coming Soon!



Renovation works are now underway at FoodWorks Lorne and are expected to be completed by late October this year.

The renovation has been a long time coming, with discussions and approvals taking several years, but local customers are assured that the wait will be well worth it

The new look supermarket will see the back of the store extended out into the caravan area. A bigger store means more space for a greater range of products across grocery, dairy and liquor, offering even more choice for customers than before.

All store amenities will also be upgraded in the renovation, including new deli and dairy cases and a new front of store. FoodWorks Lorne will be revitalised with a fresh and modern atmosphere, creating the perfect environment for local customers to do their shopping.

Store Manager Jonn Stewart says, "There will be slight disruptions to the store, but we want to assure customers that the products they want will still be available. Please don't hesitate to ask staff for assistance

Mr Stewart also assures customers that the renovations will not impact the availability of fresh produce and chilled goods in store. He explains, "We get daily deliveries from the FoodWorks Bacchus Marsh store and will be hiring portable chillers to keep the food cool. Please bear with us while we improve our store for you."

FoodWorks Lorne is an integral part of the local

community, providing fresh groceries and trusted brands at affordable prices as well as getting involved in local projects. Store Manager Jonn Stewart has worked at FoodWorks Lorne for almost 10 years and has become a familiar figure in the community, knowing many locals by name and knowing what they expect from the store.

Beyond groceries, FoodWorks Lorne has always been generous in its support of local activities and events. The supermarket is a major sponsor of the Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay and also sponsors the Lorne Pier to Pub open water swimming race. FoodWorks Lorne donated products to this year's Lorne Kinder Easter Fair and made headlines in December when store owners Alex Ng & Susan Lau handed the keys over to firefighters during the late 2015 bushfires, telling them to "help yourself to what you need."

The local community is always an important part of their decision making, and the new look store has been designed to meet the changing needs of Lorne shoppers.

Locals can stay updated with the renovation changes via FoodWorks Lorne's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages.

FoodWorks Lorne is located at 1-3 Great Ocean Road and is open 7am to 8pm daily.

For further information on the major renovation please contact: Jonn Stewart, FoodWorks Lorne Store Manager

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Geraldine and George loved their inner city lifestyle and being able to walk to the CBD but craved a break from the busy and sometimes noisy environment. After some memorable holidays with friends they decided Lorne was the escape for them. In 1993 they bought a house.

Right from the start they became involved with the community. Their two children started in the nippers program and progressed to doing beach patrol. They are members of the LSLSC, initially making rolls and sandwiches for Pier to Pub. They support events for Lions and the netball and football clubs. They not only help with the Mountain to Surf run but George competed in the super veteran category and has trophies on the mantel piece as proof. They also love dancing and happily attend musical and dancing events. They recently became members of the Aquatic Club. Geraldine volunteers for a week during the Lorne Sculpture Biennale.

Geraldine was a teacher and George a statistician. They have been running their own business for many years, OR Systems P/L (Operations, Research and Statistical services). In the 1980's they invested in two commercial properties in Fitzroy, in which they created studio spaces for artists

They share an interest in theatre (in fact they met at a cast after party), art and visiting galleries, playing cards, bush walking and keeping fit. Geraldine loves to read. They enjoy travelling within Australia and Asia, however this year it will be Africa.

We come as often as we can. We have the most enjoyable times with family and friends in Lorne ."

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LORNE WARD **EVENTS CALENDAR**

MAY Lorne vs Irrewarra-Beeac football and netball, at Stribling Reserve, juniors matches from 9am, seniors at 2pm Great Ocean Road

International Marathon, the Great Ocean Road will be closed between Lorne and Apollo Bay from 7am to 2:30pm, detours in place. The Lorne township will remain open.

Please forward the dates of your Lorne Ward community event via the contact details at the bottom of this page.

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